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# PRESIDENT'S OPINION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've just returned from a very enjoyable weekend at our 31st Annual Convention in Oshkosh. While the convention was only a one day show, 18 of us showed up on Saturday to attend Dick Anderson's annual mystery dinner. The food and company were both great and everyone had a enjoyable evening. The show on Sunday was attended by 35 dealers and there was a constant flow of traffic on the bourse floor. The dealers that I talked to were well pleased by the attendance and the business being transacted. Our hats are off to the Numismatic Research Society who were our hosts for the annual convention. A special thank you to Randy Miller and Bob Van Ryzin who were responsible for the sucess of the show.

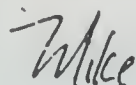
With the conclusion of another annual convention a change in the Board of Governors has occurred. I would like to thank the outgoing Board members: Ron Calkins, Tom Casper, Cliff Manthe, and Harold Helm for a job well done over the past three years. In addition I would like to welcome the four new Board members who were elected to three year terms: Harold Helm, Roland Finner, Lee Hartz, and Dan Scheid. As in the past it was a close race between the five candidates running for the Board. It is a tribute to our organization that we have the participation of approximately 50% of our membership voting in the election.

One of the topics of discussion at the convention was the upcoming auction of Bob Kraft's collection of Wisconsin Civil War tokens. Bob has acquired from several sources the most complete collection assembled (540 + varieties) which includes all of the merchants. In conjunction with the sale a book devoted to Bob's collection will be published, with illustrations of each specimen. To anyone interested in Wisconsin Civil War Storecards this will be the sale of a lifetime.

Pete Phillips was unable to be at the convention since he is at home recuperating from surgery in early January. Ruth reported that he is doing fine but the two hour drive would be uncomfortable for Pete so he decided to stay home. Ruth handled Pete's duties at the show and Board meeting in early February.

Don't forget the auction in this issue of the NOW NEWS. The material was donated to NOW from the Oshkosh Coin Club with all proceeds going to NOW. There are some very nice Oshkosh Civil War Tokens and a selection of proof sets and exhibit cases. Please note one case is listed as aluminum and being deep, this case is the same metal as the ANA style cases.

Sincerely yours,



# SHOW CALENDAR

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Wisconsin Area. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates will be listed up to 12 months in advances and show sponsors are encouraged to submit dates for future shows. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates, times and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to: Randy Miller, P.O. Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

## MADISON, WI - MARCH 17, 1991

Madison Coin Club's 59th Annual Coin Show. Sheraton Inn and Convention Center, 706 John Nolen Drive. Jeff Brant, SPRC, P.O. Box 354, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. (608-837-8714). Sunday 9-4:30.

## WAUKESHA, WI - MARCH 24, 1991

Waukesha Coin Club's 22nd Annual Coin Show. Waukesha Expo. Youth Building, I-90 to County J, Airport Exit, South to County FT, right to Youth Building. Tom Snyder, 2028 North 113th, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. Sunday 9-5:30.

## MILWAUKEE, WI - APRIL 5-7, 1991

South Shore Coin Club's 28th Annual Coin Show. MECCA Convention Center, 6th and Kilbourn. Robert Kruger, Bob's OK Coins, 3058 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-3.

## APPLETON, WI - APRIL 14, 1991

Fox Valley Coin Club. Holiday Inn, Hwy 41 & College Ave. Exit on College Ave. Jim Bayer, P.O. Box 1981, Appleton, WI 54913. Sunday 9-4.

## WAUSAU, WI - APRIL 21, 1991

Wisconsin valley Coin Show. Marathon Park Youth Bldg, S 12th Ave, 6 Stewart Avenue to Hwy 52. From Hwy 51 go East on Hwy 52 to Marathon Park. Bourse Chairperson: Thad Streeter, 5002 Tanya Street, Schofield, WI 54476.

## JANESVILLE, WI - APRIL 28, 1991

Janesville Coin Club. Rock County Fairgrounds. Exit off of I-94 on Hwy 26 South. 4th Stop light, turn left on Ranolph Rd, 1 block, turn right on Randell Ave, go to Graig Ave, turn right. Mike Kempken, P.O. Box 1203, Janesville, WI 53545. Sunday 9-4.

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**SHEBOYGAN WI - APRIL 13, 1991**

Sheboygan Coin Club. Municipal Armory, 516 Broughton Drive. Ed Rautmann, 1652 Riverdale Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Saturday 9-4.

**EAU CLAIRE, WI - APRIL 14, 1991**

Eau Claire's 25th Annual Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 1202 W. Clairemont Ave. Roy Crowell, Box 1591, Eau Claire, WI 54702. Sunday

**APPLETON, WI - APRIL 14, 1991**

Fox Valley Coin Club's Annual Spring Show. Holiday Inn, Hwy 41 & West College Ave. James Bayer, P.O. Box 1981, Appleton, WI 54913. Sunday.

**ST. LOUIS, MO - MAY 10-12, 1991**

Central States Numismatic Society's 52nd Anniversary Convention. Holiday Inn Downtown - Convention Center, 9th Street at Convention Plaza. Mike Dwyer, General Chairman, 5005 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Mo 63111. May 10, 9:30-8, May 11 9:30-8, May 9:30-4.

**RICE LAKE, WI - JUNE 8, 1991**

Barron County Coin Club. Senior Citizen's Center, 12 W Humbird Street. S. Peterson, 128 W. Chamberlain Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868. Saturday.

**RHINELANDER, WI - JUNE 22-23, 1991**

Rhinelanders Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club Show. Nicolet College, LRC Bldg., Hwy G. Bill Reardon, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**CHICAGO, IL - AUGUST 12-18, 1991**

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S 100th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE ROSEMONT/O'HARE EXPOSITION CENTER. GENERAL CHAIRMAN: JOHN WILSON, P.O. BOX 27185, MILWAUKEE, WI 53227. UPDATE - NEXT ISSUE.

**ROCKFORD, IL - SEPTEMBER 22, 1991**

Rockford Coin Club. Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 3909 11th Street, Rockford, IL. Hwy. 251, South. Ralph Winkquist, 1004 C Street, Rockford, IL 61107.

**GREEN BAY, WI - OCTOBER 21, 1991**

Nicolet Coin Club. Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponerosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313.

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PLEASE INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION, SOME OF THE CLUBS ARE FAILING TO GIVE LOCATION AND TIME OF SHOWS. IF YOU HAVE A TWO DAY SHOW, PLEASE INCLUDE HOTEL AND RATES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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### Heap Big Pow-Wow

Congratulations Oshkosh on a great show!! Madison Coin Club is well known for hosting very successful 1-day shows, but must now share the spotlight with Oshkosh.

The weather was sunny and too brisk for spring fever. Show publicity paid off because the bourse area was very crowded all day long. Congratulations to the Numismatic Research Society for hosting our first 1-day NOW Convention and special thanks to Randy Miller and his helpers for all their hard work.

### Convention Early Birds

Early Saturday morning, we stuffed our little Omni with suitcases, briefcases, books and NOW News and were on our way to our 31st NOW convention. First stop was to the Phillips' home in Madison. Pete has not fully recovered from his January operation, so Ruth Ann joined us. After a quick breakfast stop, we were on the road again,

arriving at the Oshkosh Holiday Inn early afternoon. We had shopping to do, but got sidetracked in a very nice antique shop where Ruth Ann found a 1953 Oshkosh wooden flat to add to her collection. Shopping done... we returned to the hotel for a good old-fashioned gab session with Mike Tramte, Gene & Irene Johnson and several other NOW friends.

### Mystery Dinner

Dick & Bernie Anderson recently returned from Arizona, but they managed to have another "Mystery Dinner" planned. About 7:30 we were on our snowy-way to Sky Club East for an enjoyable evening with 20 old friends. Food was plentiful and tasty and several of us were lucky winners -- a token for a free drink or a bottle of champagne. Thanks Andersons....

### Flags, Flags, Flags

After returning to the hotel, Ruth Ann Phillips, Kathy Borgmann and Phyllis Calkins got to work making over 100 flag pins, each tied with a yellow ribbon, to be given out at the NOW table.

### Sunday Morning Activities

How could we eat again after the big dinner we had?? I don't know, but we managed. We met 7 others for breakfast at Perkins before the 8:30 NOW Board meeting.

### Show Bizz

Lucky raffle winners are listed elsewhere, however, Irene Blanchette was really lucky and won the gold piece -- but the sad part, she was ill and unable to attend the show... or the honor of receiving her prize. (Irene



handles the mailings for the Writers Guild ballots for NOW).

### Annual Meeting

NOW members met at 10:30 for the Annual Meeting.

Special thanks was given to the retiring Board members -- Cliff Manthe, Tom Casper and Ron Calkins.

### Election Results

We had an exceptionally large number of ballots returned to us... and the voting was very close. Newly-elected Board members are Lee Hartz, Rollie Finner and Dan Scheid. Harold Helm was re-elected -- all for 3-year terms.

### NOW Table

The NOW table was buzzing. The Oshkosh Coin Club's auction material was displayed -- flags were given out to new members or to anyone renewing their membership. We certainly appreciated all the help we received from Board members and their spouses. We signed up 13 new members and 6 renewals.

### Hospitality Corner

Thanks to Krause Publications, mid-morning coffee and donuts were enjoyed by dealers and workers.

### Happy Ending to a Good Convention

Although the show didn't end until 5:00, we closed the NOW table about 3:30, but it took almost another hour to get packed up, our "goodbyes" said and actually were on our way.

We had dinner in Beaver Dam, then stopped for a "minute" to say hello to Virgil and Daisy Jackson. We

caught up on news, exchanged greetings from mutual friends, met their new kitty, chatted about dolls, and found out what happens when 3 arctophilists get together. Virgil & Daisy are hoping to attend the Madison Coin Show in March. What a perfect way for us to end our good "old-fashioned" NOW convention.

### NOW Survey

Pete & Ruth have come up with a survey for our members. Please fill it out and return it to them. We can do lots of neat things with this information. (Confidentiality is guaranteed).

### NOW Membership

Present membership stands at 285 (and growing). We removed 63 members for nonpayment of dues, including all 15 youth members donated at the Milwaukee show a year ago. (Some how we didn't reach these young people -- any ideas?)

We have 20 coin clubs signed up and dropped one -- Fishbowl Wooden Nickle Coin Club. Back in the heyday of collecting, the 1960's, we had 43 Wisconsin Coin Club members.

### Sign Up New Members

Each of our Governors received several blanks to sign up new members. You too can help by using the blanks found in this issue. Our paper is good! Membership is worth lots more than the \$4 dues. The numismatic articles are top drawer. We recently reread all of last year's articles prior to voting for the Writer's Guild awards. It was a pleasure -- our writers are good. Sign up a new member so we can share the goodies with them.

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### Business Card Ads

Please take note of our business card ads. Rates for these ads are found elsewhere in this issue. Please take special note of the ad for the "Printing Place", our printer. These people have bent over backwards helping editors Pete & Ruth, and they do our work at a very competitive rate. If you need printing, brochures, or cards, please consider the "Printing Place" in Middleton and mention you saw their ad in NOW News.

### The Oshkosh Auction Materials

With the passing of the Oshkosh Coin Club some numismatic material was donated to NOW. Included are Oshkosh Civil War tokens, U.S Proof sets, Ike dollars and coin cases. It was decided to auction this material to NOW members. Notice the bid sheet in this issue and bid high -- all proceeds benefit NOW.

### Premier Wisconsin Civil War Token Set to be Auctioned

Probably the most complete and finest set of Wisconsin Civil War tokens ever assembled will soon be auctioned with the sale of the Robert Kraft collection by Rich Hartzog. You'll find a full page ad in this issue of the News announcing this sale. The catalog promises to become the bible for Wisconsin tokens. Every collector of Wisconsin material should order one even if you don't intend to bid.

This set has quite a history. Watch for an article in the next issue.

### News Articles

And don't forget to send any articles, tidbits or help with future publications to our editor. Send them to Peter Phillips, 3329 Wells Ave., Madison, WI 53714.

### Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association

The purpose of WNWA is to develop numismatic journalistic talents among our members and to publish interesting and informative articles in NOW News. Membership in this group is open to all members of NOW.

The only requirement is to submit at least one hobby-oriented article each year for publication in the NOW News. The News editor has the right to use or reject any article submitted.

Each year at the NOW annual show, members of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association receive awards and cash for the best articles published in the NOW News during the past year. First place is a plaque and \$100, 2nd and 3rd place winners receive \$50 and \$25. So it could be very profitable if you to submit your new (or old) articles to compete in the 1992 prizes which will be awarded at the NOW in Milwaukee this next year.

A \$1 per year dues is required with membership application. (This takes care of postage.)

Send your dues to Harold Helm, 119 West 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.



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2. Bids are to be made by lot number only.
3. Earliest postmark will decide tie bids.
4. Bids of \$10 or more will be reduced to 10% over the second highest bid, or to 50% of the bid, whichever is larger. Bids less than \$10 gll not be reduced.
5. Terms are cash. Coin and token lots will be shipped by U.S. Mail unless otherwise requested. Bidders will pay postage and insurance. Payment is due and payable upon receipt of billing. Case lots will be shipped at purchaser's discretion and cost.
6. **Bidders must be current members of "Numismatists of Wisconsin".**
7. All tokens have been attributed and graded by members. Lots incorrectly attributed or graded may be returned within 7 days of receipt of lots. Reason for return must accompany the returned lots.
8. Tokens listing are per Fuld "U.S. Civil War Storecards".
9. Prices realized will be published in an upcoming issue of NOW News.
10. The material in this auction was donated to NOW by the Oshkosh Coin Club with all proceeds going to NOW.
11. Send bids to: Michael Tramte  
1019 Alpine Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54311

### Oshkosh Civil War Tokens

Lot #	Item	Condition	Fuld #	Merchant	Rarity	Remarks	Bid \$
01	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG-F	620 C-1A	Fraker Bro's	R3		
02	Oshkosh Civil War Token	AU	620 C-1A	Fraker Bro's	R3		
03	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG-F	620 D-3A	Andrew Haben	R6		
04	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 F-1A	Hay & Clark	R5	scratch on obv.	
05	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F- VF	620 G-1A	Jaenicke & Klotzke	R4		
06	Oshkosh Civil War Token	Gd+	620 H-1A	Kellog & Hughs	R3		
07	Oshkosh Civil War Token	Gd	620 I-5A	Levy & Duncan	R6		
08	Oshkosh Civil War Token	AU	620 L-1A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R8		
09	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 L-1A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R8		
10	Oshkosh Civil War Token	VG	620 L-3A	S.B. & J.A. Paige	R5	dent on obv.	
11	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F-VF	620 M-3A	H. Rans	R5	scratch on obv. & rev.	
12	Oshkosh Civil War Token	F+	620 P-2A	Wm. L. Williams	R6		

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U. S. Coins

Lot #	Item	Condition	Remarks	Bid \$
13	1961 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
14	1961 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
15	1962 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
16	1962 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
17	1963 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
18	1963 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
19	1964 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
20	1964 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
21	1968 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
22	1968 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
23	1970 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
24	1970 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
25	1970 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
26	1973 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
27	1974 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
28	1975 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
29	1976 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
30	1977 U.S. Proof set	Proof		
31	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar	Proof		
32	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar	Proof		
33	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar	UNC.		
34	1971 U.S. Ike Dollar	UNC.		
35	U.S. Centennial silver set	Proof-Like	10¢, 25¢, 50¢	
36	U.S. Centennial silver set	Proof-Like	10¢, 25¢, 50¢	

Canadian Coins

Lot #	Item	Condition	Bid \$
37	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	Proof-Like	
38	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	Proof-Like	
39	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	Proof-Like	
40	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	Proof-Like	
41	1967 Canadian Proof-like Set	Proof-Like	

Coin Cases

Lot #	Item	Bid \$
42	Coin Case-ANA Type	
43	Coin Case-ANA Type	
44	Coin Case-ANA Type	
45	Coin Case-ANA Type	
46	Coin Case-ANA Type	
47	Coin Case-ANA Type	
48	Coin Case-ANA Type	
49	Coin Case-ANA Type	
50	Coin Case-ANA Type	
51	Coin Case-ANA Type	
52	Coin Case-Aluminum	
53	Coin Case-Aluminum	

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## WE CRITIQUED OUR OWN COIN SHOW

by Glenna Hauger-WNWA

The 1990 coin show of the Fish Bowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club was held on June 10th. As is our usual won't, the next few meetings have been spent mulling over every single aspect of the show to see where it might be improved. I am sure every coin club goes through this same sort of self-examination.

The first item seemed to us to be the date. I think the FBWNCC has used every summer month in its 24-year history. In past years we felt that we would have tourists attending if the show was in July or August. Attendance reports showed that, although we did get a few distant attendees, the numbers did not warrant that tourists be our main concern. We knew from past experience that the 4th of July was not a good time -- there are just too many other things to do, especially up here in the lakes and woods of Northwestern Wisconsin. Nor is August a good month as the whole town is involved with Crazy Days, Summerfest, Lions Club events, etc., etc.

So -- we voted to set the show on June 10th, and, wouldn't you know, four of our best workers had conflicts of which we were not aware; also, that was the same date as the show at Rice Lake, which most of us in the club attend.

Thus, we learned two things: check dates with each member of the club and, 2, find out when clubs within a 50-mile radius are having their shows so there is no conflict there.

Dealers were notified and several came to the show. Feedback from them regarding the best time for a show indicated they felt that we should at least try a Fall date. More dealers could attend them as there are fewer shows during that season. This plan will be put into effect in 1991.

So we had a date; our treasurer paid the deposit on the Siren Community Center meeting room; the gold coin to be raffled (a 1/10 oz. Gold Eagle) arrived and was stored at the bank. Bourse charge remained at \$15. per table.

Tickets were printed for the raffle, and each member took ten to be sold at \$1.00 each. We set up the work sheet with all jobs listed and each member signed up for at least one job.

In 1989, we had changed the coin show hours from 9-5 to 9-4 with the auction at 3 p.m. After the 1990 show, we considered that 1991 hours would be from 10-4, with doors opening for dealers at 8 a.m. It makes the day awfully long to arrive at around 7j a.m. and work until 5 p.m. as most members are Senior Citizens. However, it was felt that a shorter day is not really advantageous to dealers who may be driving long distances to attend and who want as long a day as possible.

The day of the show arrived and it was beautiful. Doors were unlocked at 7 a.m. All members worked all day. Next year we must have shifts so we can get away to rest and eat our dinner. Most workers settled for the cookies and coffee we had there for sale.

Eighty-seven people signed in and attendees were from 18 towns plus Siren. Dealer's business was brisk; the auction was a success; the gold coin was won by a member's daughter.

We can now put the 1990 show behind us. At the next month's meeting we must decide on the date for the 1991 show.

1991 will see the Fish Bowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club celebrating its 25th Anniversary. This fact is an added incentive to try to ensure the "perfect show".

## CANADIAN MINT ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO PUBLIC TOURS

As of January 28, 1991, it will make 3 changes to public tour operations at it Ottawa and Winnipeg facilities: 1) Public tours will continue but will be offered only during the period of peak demand, from the 2nd week of May to August 31 inclusive. 2) Tours will remain guided at the Ottawa facility for security reasons while in Winnipeg tours will be unguided but supplemented with the use of audio equipment. 3) An admission fee of \$2.00 per person will be charged (Special rates will be established for families and groups. In 1990 some 75,000 people took a 1 hour guided tour of the Mint's Ottawa operations while 55,000 people took the tour in Winnipeg.

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### IRENE BLANCHETTE

#### HONORED AT DINNER

Irene Blanchette, Oshkosh Coin Club, Secretary/Treasurer for 25 years, was honored at an appreciation dinner, hosted by Neva Helm, Elizabeth Neumueller and Lillian Miller at Bonanza Restaurant, on November 2, 1990 for her many years of dedication and service.

Irene Blanchette arranged a special meeting on June 13, 1990, and the Oshkosh Coin Club, after 30 years of existence, voted to disband due to declining membership and rising coin prices.

Blanchette, who served as club Secretary/Treasurer for 25 years, was given the Rose Luker Trophy for achievement, honoring her years of service. She also took possession of the club's Blanchette trophy, named after her late husband and club founder at the June 13, 1990 meeting.

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The top 4 winners of the raffle were: \$5 gold piece - Irene Blanchette, 1926 peace dollar - Bob Zelhofer, 1982 silver eagle - Ken Porter, 1 oz silver piece - Ruth Ann Phillips. Congratulations to all the other winners.

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## Color in Small Size United States Paper Money

By Dave Hunsicker - WNSA

Many foreign countries use colors in their paper money to identify denominations. It has been considered in this country as well as some type of "touch" identification for the blind. These ideas are still on the drawing board.

The **Treasury Seal** is a distinguishing feature of American currency. In one form or another, it has appeared on every piece of paper money issued by the Treasury Department since 1862. (The first 3 issues of the Fractional Currency are without the Seal).



The Seal appears in several different colors; it may be **red, gold, green, yellow, or brown**. From the viewpoint of collecting, the color of Seal used makes a distinct variety out of a given note. Two notes may be otherwise similar in all respects, such as design, year and signatures and yet differ in the color of the Seal.

**Red Seal** -- signifies **United States Note** issued in denominations of \$1,

\$2, \$5, and \$100. The notes began with Series 1928 and ended with the Series 1966-A \$100 note. The \$1 note is unusual in the fact that it was issued only in one series (1928) and it was principally released in Puerto Rico more than 20 years after the note had been printed. The \$100 note was the first to bear a re-design of the Treasury Seal -- English inscriptions replaced the Latin legend.

**Gold Seal** -- signifies **Gold Certificate** issued in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The notes began with Series 1928, however the issue was short-lived as the Gold Reserve Act of 1933 required the surrender of all gold certificates. A change came on April 24, 1964 when Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillion signed an order removing restrictions on Gold Certificates. The \$100,000 note was never issued for circulation, but was used for transactions between Federal Reserve Banks.

**Blue Seal** - signifies **Silver Certificates** issued in denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10. The notes began with Series 1928 and ended with Series 1957-B. The earliest small size silver notes were redeemable for "One Silver Dollar" or the appropriate number. Eventually the wording was changed to "One Dollar in Silver". In March 1964, by order of the Secretary

of the Treasury, redemption in silver dollars was halted, and on June 24, 1968 redemption in silver bullion was also discontinued. There were 2 Seal color variations for silver certificates - Hawaii overprint (brown) and North African Invasion (yellow).

**Green Seal - signifies Federal Reserve Note** issued in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5000 and \$10,000. The notes began with Series 1928 and continues to be the note of circulation today. Early notes were redeemable in gold, however, this was halted with the 1933 Gold Reserve Act. The first appearance of the \$1 note came with Series 1963 when the Silver Certificate was eliminated. The \$2 note began with Series 1976 as a commemoration of the U.S. Bicentennial. There are 12 Federal Reserve Banks, each identified by a black seal and letter designation (A thru L).

**Yellow Seal - signifies the North African Invasion Note** issued in denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10. The notes were normal Silver Certificates with blue serial numbers, but with the yellow Treasury Seal. When U.S. troops hit the beaches of North Africa in 1942 to begin the advance into Axis-held Europe from the south, this special currency was issued to the troops which could be easily identified and demonetized in the event of military reverses and the capture of large quantities of cash. The \$1 was issued with Series 1935-A, the \$5 in Series 1935-A and the \$10 in Series 1934 and 1934A.

**Brown Seal -** There were 3 varieties of notes with this color: Silver Certificates issued in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20, were overprinted with "Hawaii" in small letters on the front and large letters across the entire back. These notes were issued during World War II in case the Hawaiian Islands would be lost to the enemy, then these identifiable notes could be declared obsolete.

**Federal Reserve Bank Notes** in the small size were an emergency currency issue authorized March 9, 1933 to inject cash into the economy to combat heavy withdrawals from the Federal Reserve System in the first months of that year. These notes were printed on currency stock prepared for the regular Series 1929 National Currency with overprints of several elements.

**National Currency Bank Notes** in small size were issued from July 1929 to May 1935. The Series date is 1929. More than 14,000 "Home town" banks across the U.S. issued large and small size notes with their names imprinted on the front. This money was backed by U.S. bonds deposited with the U.S. Treasury.

Both the Brown Seal Federal Reserve Bank Notes and the National Currency Bank Notes were issued in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100.

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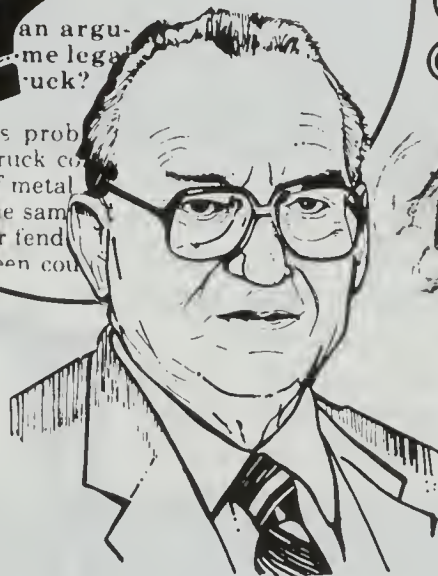


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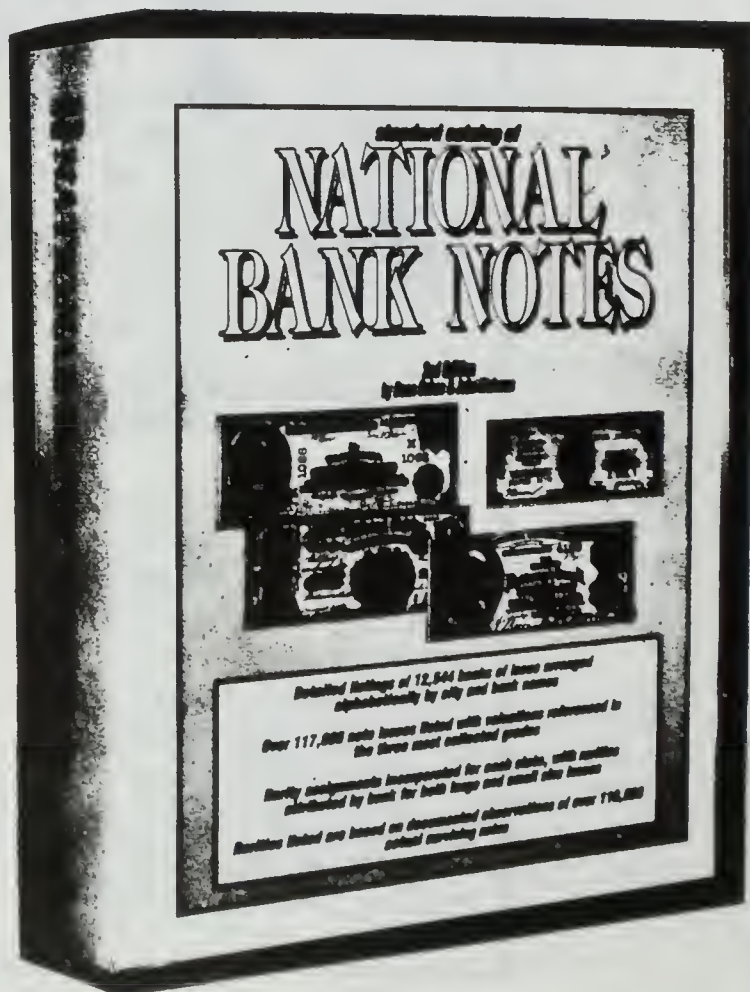
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The FRONTENAC played a leading role in the introduction of the steam technology to the Great Lakes region and in the development and expansion of inland commerce in Upper Canada. Its construction was initiated by a partnership of merchants in 1815. By 1817, the FRONTENAC took up passenger and freight service on her regular route between Prescott on the upper St. Lawrence and Kingston, Ernestown, Newcastle, York (now Toronto), Niagara and Burlington on Lake Ontario, thus becoming the first Canadian-built steamship to operate on Lake Ontario. She remained in service until 1827.

The reverse shows the FRONTENAC passing at Gibraltar Point Lighthouse on Toronto Island. It bears the inscription "1816 FRONTENAC 1991" and "CANADA 1991 DOLLAR" at the bottom. The coin's designer in Ontario artist David J. Craig who has also created the motifs for the 1990 and 1984 proof dollars (Henry Kelsey and Toronto 150th Anniversary) as well as the 1989 gold \$100 coin honoring Sainte-Marie Among The Hurons.

The new coin is among the Mint's most intricately engraved issues in recent years. From the details in the ship's rigging to the cracks in the rocks of a small island in the foreground, the design demonstrates a high level of artistic flair and technical precision: "Rendering the rigging on the ship's masts was very challenging because the finest lines if not properly done can break up during the production of the tooling. This new coin offered all of these challenges but I think we have met them" said Ago Aarand, Director, Art and Master Engraver at the Mint.

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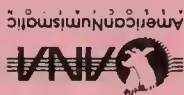
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